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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Robert D. Bereman )  
App. No. : 10/007,724 )  
Filed : November 9, 2001 )  
For : METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR )  
REMOVING CARCINOGENS FROM )  
TOBACCO SMOKE )  
Examiner : Unsigned )

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AND  
REVOCATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

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(949) 760-0404, **Customer No. 20,995**, as its attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith. This appointment is to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Robert D. Bereman, a USA citizen, residing at Woodfield Dead End Road, Apex, NC 27502, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR REMOVING CARCINOGENS FROM TOBACCO SMOKE for which I have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, 10/007,724, November 9, 2001; said application claiming priority to United States provisional applications entitled METHOD FOR PRODUCING AND MARKETING CIGARETTES WITH MINIMAL LARGE AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS, Application No. 60/247,163, filed November 10, 2000; and a METHOD AND PRODUCT FOR REMOVING CARCINOGENS FROM TOBACCO SMOKE, Application No. 60/322,132, filed September 11, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, said United States provisional Application No. 60/247,163, filed November 10, 2000 and said United States provisional Application No. 60/322,132, filed September 11, 2001 name me, Robert D. Bereman, and John E. Bunch as inventors;

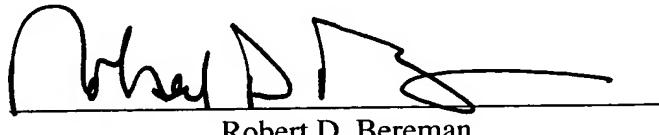
AND WHEREAS, said application for Letters Patent in the United States, 10/007,724, filed November 9, 2001 names only me, Robert D. Bereman, as an inventor;

AND WHEREAS, VECTOR TOBACCO LTD. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a Bermuda Corporation, with its principal place of business at Hemisphere Management Company, Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda, desires to acquire my entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Applications:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said inventor, do hereby acknowledge that I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said applications and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of  
January, 2002



Robert D. Bereman

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On THIS DAY, 1/20 before me, DIANE W. COOK, personally appeared Robert D. Bereman personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity(ies), and that by his signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Notary Signature

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